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Live Oak Fla

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Dear Horace

your letter
and card received - I
am sorry that further
explanations are nec-
essary but —

When Ben and I married
Daddy and Mama soon
left us to come to ~~Florida~~
Fla. Daddy came back
and persuaded Ben
to come down and help
him to get what he
could out of the timber

us, with ² little ceremony
off the map, Well,
to let him do big things
we went without
protest, and to 40
acres instead and
began again to
start a farm. From
the time that Gillian
married each day
that I was out of bed
found me with
Gemma to assist
her with her house
work, and her
health was such
at one time that
for several months
or at least a long time
we closed our own

house and stayed
with her, paying
our own part of the
grocery bill. You
know that you all
were welcome to
any and every thing
that we raised to eat
and in this way I
tried to help in
every way I could
and board-ing any
one that came along
for \$4.00 per week that
I thought would aid
in developing and
assisted Pitt in
every way possible.

Pitt did manage
through the sale of

lands, lots, 3 etc to
bring in some
money, but write
to Lillian and if
they have not been
removed from Daddy
trunk the stubs
of mamas bank books
in her own hand
writing, ^{show} that, cash
to P M Carlisle and
H J Owen for groceries
together with
the money spent
on remodeling the
house, took about
all, the little balance
left in the bank
was never heard
from,

I guess I am re-
sponsible for Howards
raising up. I sent
him a copy of Daddys
will and the
contract ~~by~~ Pitt
gave him a few
months later. Pitt
promising to add
a sufficient amt
to his pension for
a comfortable living
etc. as long as he
lived, & this he
did not do, my
own testimony
besides writings
in Daddys own
hand that he
did not, prove it

When he ⁴ came here
for his possibly 4th
visit he promised
Pete \$50.00 per month
to help defray expenses
giving me a check for
\$50.00 and later
sending another
for the same amt.
He let this include
the \$15.00 he had
been sending
Daddy the last
month he didn't
send. He further
more promised
to send by wire
\$200.00 to cover
Daddy's expenses
when he did pass

away, Pete was to
meet him in Cotton
dale with the body
properly embalmed
and prepared for
burial, this was
the understanding.
We had saved up
nearly \$40.00 to
pay Pites expenses
but he not believing
but what Pitt would
keep his word was
wholly unprepared
to meet the emer-
gency that was thrust
upon us. There
was nothing left
for me to do but

leave it up^{to} her to
put up the expense
on her contract to him
or I would have him
dressed and buried
here, I knew we
could make arrange-
ments as soon as
we could have time
but, with the poor old
body already in decay
and his throat and face
drawn from the paralysis
there was no time to
lose to bring it back
to its natural shape.
By her big talk she
came very near
getting herself and
the boy that was

with her into more
serious trouble than
she realizes -
There was 3 post-
office employees
one book keeper
one, master of R R shop
and other substantial
citizens present, some
R R's I understand
who had planned
to follow if she did
over power me and
take the body away
from her, tar and
feather the boy
and I don't know
what for her. The
woman that told
me about it didn't

say. But ^{as} out of it
all I received at
least one blessing
Pete took the \$100
he had saved and
purchasing paint
he painted the
ceiling white, walls
cream, and floors
mahogany, repainted
the dear old bed
and Dresser of
Daddy's to match the
floors, also the
mantel, the pictures
of Grandpa & ma
over look while
we sleep, we removed
the bed from our
room and have

a neat living room
opening into the
store. We received
\$16.00 on the pension
check so purchased
a little more lumber
to finish the porch
and five gallons
of white paint from
Sears Roebuck &
put 3 coats on the
outside. He is
nearly done, and
it looks good
to me. Pete has
stood this work
pretty well altho
his health is very
poor. By By
N C B.

P. S.

Daddy's
funeral expense
was \$201.06
coming pretty close
to Pitts obligation
wasn't it?